Environmental degradation in Himachal Pradesh

*46. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued a notification restructing certain activities causing environmental degradation is specified areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; area-wise;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure complete restriction on such activities in environmentally vulenerable areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Environmental and Forests has not issued any notification restricting certain activities causing environmental degradation in specified areas of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Negotiations on climate change

*47. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN :
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has changed its stand in the ongoing climate change negotiations on crucial points of international scrutiny, emission reduction and financial obligations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) and (b) India has taken a credible and consistent position in international negotiations on climate change. Indiaus position is anchored in the principle of equity and the "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities" of Parties as enshrined in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol. India has consistently argued that developed countries must take deep and ambitious emission reduction commitments in the 2nd commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol while the developing countries will take nationally appropriate mitigation actions on voluntary basis as supported and enabled by finance and technology provided by developed countries. Voluntary actions of developing countries will be subject to international MONITORING, REPORT and VERIFICATION (MRV) as per agreed procedures to the extent that these actions receive international support.

India has also consistently stated that the developed countries must fulfill their commitments under the Convention to provide resources to developing countries to enable them to undertake actions for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change.

Contents of TV Programmes

*48. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS :
SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE :
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has commented that there are a number of programmes being shown on TV, which cannot be seen alongwith family members;

(b) whether any dialogue in this regard is being held with all the concerned parties to arrive at a consensus;

(c) whether a minimum consensus has been arrived at on these issues;

(d) if so, whether any action plan has been prepared; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI) : (a) No such specific written comments/observation of the Honuble Supreme Court have been recieved by the Government.

(b) The Government had consisted a Committee for reviewing the Programme and Advertising Code (Content Code) prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder, which has submitted its report and made recommendations in the form of draft uSelf-regulation Guidelines for the broadcasting sector (2008). Government is in the process of holding consultations with all concerned stakeholders to arrive at broad consensus on the recommendations of the Committee.

(c) to (e) The process of consultation is going on.

Pollution due to flex hoardings

†*49. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV :
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR :
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that flex material used in hoardings is causing pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to ban use of this material;

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† Orignial notice of the question was received in Hindi.